

# The Encyclopedia

Weekly Report 12 - 11/05/18 to 11/11/18

Overall, this week has been very successful in accomplishing goals set the previous week. It came to my realization this week that a majority of the sources used throughout the year so far have come from the same source, the Gale Encyclopedia of American Law. Because of how reliable and informative this source has been, I purchased one of the fourteen volumes of this encyclopedia. While this copy is only letters F-I, I have found it extremely beneficial and will likely be purchasing more in the future. Research into hearsay, involuntary confessions, and the exclusionary rule branch known as “fruit of the poisonous tree” has been conducted, made easier due to the print source. Additionally, research for my original work has also been done. After scouring the databases, a source outlining the benefits and drawback of different judicial selection systems was found. This source highlights different aspects of each system that should be addressed by reformers, as well as suggests a variety of changes that could be made in the process. Lastly, it has become clear that even in this short time my presentation skills have improved dramatically. No longer as nervous to speak in front of crowds, my knowledge on my topic was shown in my research presentation without too much fidgeting.

In the following week and over Thanksgiving Break the plan is to continue research on topics provided in the encyclopedia, as well as additional research on those topics that are not covered extensively. This will include the insanity defense, homicide and its defense, the idea of irresistible impulse, and independent council. Furthermore, additional research on the sources used in my last article will be done. Voter participation in judicial elections seems to be minimal based on my previous research, however it is very impactful. Because of this, a judicial selection system that both selects qualified judges and appeases the public is necessary. Along with all of this research, a mentorship with Mr. Shapiro will be pursued. The first interview with his was extremely beneficial so I will be calling him this week to set up a meeting and discuss this next step.